

**Amendments to the Specification**

***Please replace paragraph 0002, with the following rewritten paragraph:***

The prior art includes U.S. Patent [6,542,211] 6,543,322 to Skoko which discloses a cutting frame for holding a bagel to be sliced into two pieces. The guide member in the frame includes a knife slot in a structure, which is dissimilar from the present invention.

***Please replace paragraph 0003, with the following rewritten paragraph:***

Patent 6,532,864 to Ancona discloses a combination slicer and toaster while patent 6,474,210 to [Niel] Nel discloses a bagel slicer having an annular body with a slot for movement of a knife having a handle extending externally of the slot.

***Please replace paragraph 0004, with the following rewritten paragraph:***

Further bagel holders are shown in U.S. Patents 6,389,944; 6,318,222; 6,244,153; 6,202,529; and, [6,186.038] 6,186,038.